

REMARKS

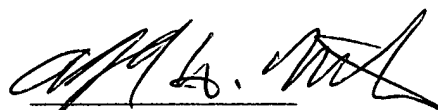
By this amendment, claims 11-19 have been canceled. Currently, claims 20-22 are pending as shown above. It is requested that the Examiner review these claims to ensure they are identical to claims 20-22 as presently on file in the Application, as there was some confusion regarding their correct numbering in the Parent PCT Application.

In the Office Action, Claims 20-22 were indicated as allowable by the Examiner, and such indication is appreciated by the Applicant. It is therefore the applicant's understanding that only allowable claims remain in the application.

For the reasons set forth above, a favorable opinion is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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